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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC
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SUBJECT : Handling of [redacted] Economic
Intelligence Study

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1. I have read the November 1975 version of the study, "ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY--Production, Collection, Consumers and Problems," originally prepared by [redacted]

2. In my view, this paper is too good not to use it as the basis for seeking action on some of the problems which it cites.

3. I suggest the following:

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a. The paper go forward to the DCI as an ICS paper. [redacted] was hired to do it, and he has been paid. The study has been revised somewhat, as I understand it, within PRD. It would be of little value to put the paper out as a "contractor study" concerning which we figuratively had "washed our hands" by declining to accept responsibility for it. The choice as I see it, is to bury the paper or put it out under our imprimatur, and I favor the latter--even though I accept the idea that the paper is likely to prove controversial.

b. Before its release, however, the paper should be revised somewhat, i.e., the executive summary should include a listing of specific recommendations for follow-on action, and Part I should be reworked to make them more specific as to who should be charged to do what about what. The following are only samples:

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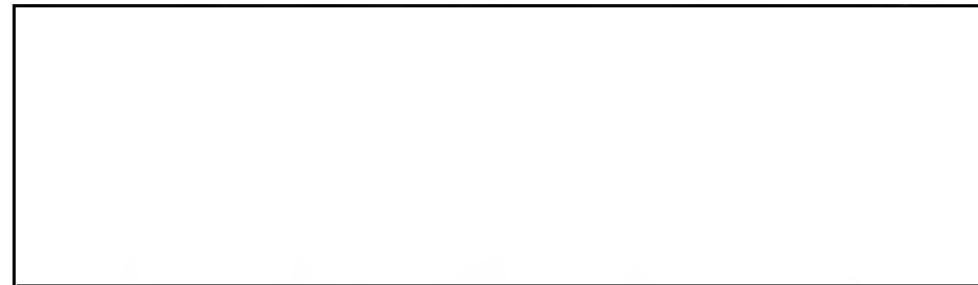
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c. Part II is rather sketchy, but I think it serves its purpose, and the same goes for Part III. It is Part I which is the guts of the paper, so it is on Part I that careful attention needs to be focused to insure that it clearly points the way to what ICS considers needs to be done.

4. I understand that Ed Proctor may consider the paper as "not timely," but I do not agree. The kind of problems described in Part I call for some attention. Admittedly, the Congressional Select Committees are looking warily at some NSA operations, but that should not preclude the Intelligence Community from putting forward proposals on what it considers needs to be done to put the economic intelligence picture in better order.

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